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America's Last Ace – Brigadier General Steve Ritchie

Thursday's kick-off luncheon at the Montana Aviation Conference being held March 2-4, at the Holiday Inn Grand Montana in Billings will feature Brigadier General Steve Ritchie. Steve challenges YOU to strive for excellence, to reach for the stars, to be the very best that you can be. He explains how it is possible to turn that seeming defeat into victory. His message of positive discipline and leadership is uplifting and stimulating. You are guaranteed to come away feeling good about yourself, your family, associates, organization and about our country! And these are positives that result in greater efficiency and productivity.

General Ritchie has experienced throughout his career what it takes to become the very best, first as an Air Force officer and pilot, then as a business executive, government official and an inspiring public speaker. A 1964 graduate of the Air Force Academy, Steve was first in his pilot training class and later became one of the most highly decorated individuals in U.S. military history. He was the only Air Force pilot "Ace" of the Viet Nam conflict, is the only American pilot ever to down five MIG-21s, and may be the last Fighter Pilot Ace in the history of aerial combat.

As a winner of the Air Force Cross, four Silver Stars, 10 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 25 Air Medals and 4 Freedoms Foundation Awards in the category of public speaking, General Ritchie has traveled throughout America and overseas speaking to a wide variety of audiences about success, what it takes to achieve it and how to accomplish your goals. Steve is an eloquent, motivating and challenging speaker.

General Ritchie is a speaker that your children and grandchildren will read about in their history books.

If you haven't done so, make reservations now for the Thursday kick-off lunch to hear General Ritchie. Reservations for the Thursday lunch MUST be made PRIOR to the conference.

Thursday evening features Dr. Jerry Cockrell in an open session. Friday afternoon the FAA will conduct an Open Forum and the Aeronautics Board will hold a question and answer session. Many other interesting, educational session will be held during the three days.

Those attending Saturday's award luncheon will hear Phil Boyer, President of Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association the 355,000 member organization which is the largest and one of the most influential civil aviation organizations in the world.

CLASSIFIED INFORMATION:

Saturday's Banquet is a matter of National Security and although the key note speakers name cannot be revealed, I can assure you that you will be pleasantly surprised!! I can say that it is a BIG NAME celebrity – a name you all know very well – some would say too well! I can guarantee you will be entertained. This is all I can say – you MUST attend the banquet to find out. Be prepared to enjoy an evening you will remember forever.

The sponsors of this years conference the Montana Pilots Association, Montana Aviation Trades Association, Montana Antique Airplane Association and the Experimental Aircraft Association are excited to present a fun-filled, informative three-day event.

A fun-filled day for spouse/guests is planned for Friday, March 3. Be sure to sign up at the registration desk or you can register by calling Bobi Allard at (406)656-8242 or e-mail: GeneBobi@wtp.net.

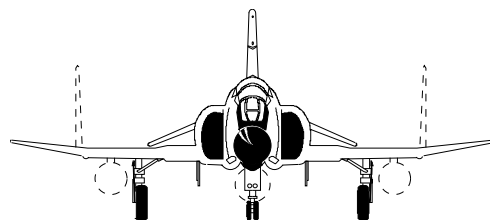
Vendors from across the country have reserved space for the trade show. These companies will display the latest in aviation service and products plus donate thousands of dollars in door prizes to be given away during the Conference.

Meal tickets for the conference with the exception of Friday lunch are separate from the registration fee. All meal tickets must be reserved not later than 48 hours in advance of each meal. Tickets for the kick-off luncheon

MUST be reserved through pre-registration.

Rooms for the conference have been blocked at: Holiday Inn Grand Montana (406)248-7701 at the rate of \$61; \$71 or \$91; Ramada (406)252-2584 at the rate of \$43.99; Billings Hotel and Convention Center (406)248-7151 at the rate of \$50; Kelly Inn (406)252-2700 at the rate of \$46 or \$56; and at the Best Western Billings (406)248-9800 at the rate of \$48 or \$56. Please be sure to let the motels know you are affiliated with the Montana Aviation Conference.

Book your room today and register today! We look forward to seeing you in Billings!



Administrator's Column

CONDOLENCES: It was with great sorrow to learn that Shirley Morrison recently passed away. Shirley was the wife of John Morrison, Jr. who is well known in the airport development industry throughout the country. Shirley was also well known in the aviation circles as she frequently accompanied John at aviation events throughout Montana as well as nationwide. On behalf of the Montana Aeronautics Board & Division and Montana's aviation community, I'd like to extend our condolences to John and his family.

YOUNG EAGLES PROGRAM

FLIES: The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) has announced that the total Young Eagles flown in 1999 was 104,014 which brings the total flown to 563,128 as of January 1, 2000. A total of 8,367 volunteer pilots world wide flew the 104,014 Young Eagles in 1999 which is a single year record for both. Tom Poberezny, President of the EAA, stated "Each Young Eagle flight is a special occasion for the young participant as well as the pilot. That's what makes the 1999 totals so impressive. The pilots who volunteer their time, knowledge and airplanes to this effort - along with the thousands of ground volunteers - understand the importance of this program to sparking aviation interest among young people. Some of those Young Eagles have already become the next generation of pilots and aviation leaders. I congratulate everyone involved with the program." The Young Eagle Program started in 1992 to promote aviation discovery and interest among young people ages 8 - 17. The goal is to fly one million Young Eagles by 2003 which is the 100 year anniversary of powered flight and the 50th anniversary of the EAA. In achieving the above numbers, 81,159 flight hours have been flown in 243,478 flights, with 2.3 Young Eagles per flight, consuming more than 892,749 gallons of aviation fuel, costing an estimated \$1,803,353. I would like to congratulate the Montana pilots and ground support personnel who have participated in the program and especially those Montana pilots who flew ten or more Young Eagles during 1999. A list of Montana pilots is found elsewhere in this publication. Thank you and I encourage you to keep Montana a top participant.

FAA CHIEF AGAIN CALLS FOR

USER FEES: Federal Aviation Administrator Jane Garvey recently testified before two Senate committees (Budget and Appropriations Committees) and reiterated the Administration's request for "USER FEES".

Garvey said that Administration supports a performance-based ATC system led by a chief operating officer and that "Congress should replace the current financing mechanism, an excise tax on airline passengers, with a system in which the actual commercial users of air traffic control services pay for them based on the cost of those services." Garvey said that the Administration thinks that general aviation should continue to pay through a fuel tax. That in exchange for "pricing reform," Congress should ensure that revenue collected from users should be used "exclusively" to fund ATC. "Such a guarantee will make it easier for the FAA and its customers to meet operational and capital spending needs for ATC." It is interesting to note that the DOT's own Inspector General Kenneth Mead cautioned against immediately jumping on proposals for restructuring "of what already is a very safe system, but a system also in need of improvement." Mead warned that "because there is no frame of reference or experience base comparable to our ATC system that we can rely on for guidance, we urge great caution before proposing a major restructuring." That any move toward commercialization "must be done gradually." The Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association (AOPA) is the first to register fierce opposition, calling the budget "out of balance" and in reality, a \$1 billion dollar tax increase. The new Administration's budget was only released January 8th (yesterday) so few have had a chance to digest it and I'm sure there will be much more learned in the near future. In the mean time if you still have strong feelings about USER FEES be sure to contact our two Montana U.S. Senators and Representative.

ASSOCIATION OF MONTANA AERIAL APPLICATORS CON-

FERENCE: The Association of Montana Aerial Applicators held their annual convention and trade show in Great Falls, January 24-26. Many interesting and educational programs were offered such as the PAASS program and included presentations by the Montana Department of Agriculture and Federal Aviation Administration. National Agricultural Aviation Association Treasurer, Marc Mullis was a guest speaker and discussed aerial application issues on the national level. New officers elected were: Ron Rowland, President; Dixon Hitch, Vice-President; Dana Ness, Secretary-Treasurer; and Sandi Burch, Ex-Officio (Industry). Congratulations to outgoing president Linda Blain for a successful year under her leadership and to Linda and Shelley Peterson, Executive Secretary for putting on a very successful convention.



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Meet Ken



The Aeronautics Division is pleased to welcome and introduce Ken Wilhelm. Ken is our new A&P Mechanic on staff and we are very happy to have him on board.

Ken was born and raised in Helena. At age 18, Ken received his Private Pilot's license with the help and instruction from Dennis Giulio at Boulder, MT. After graduating from Capital High School, Ken went on to the Helena Vocational Technical College and earned his A&P Certificate in 1987. After graduation, Boeing Commercial was interested in his skills, so Ken then worked as a Quality Control Inspector for 9 years on the 767 and 747 production lines. A desire to move back to Helena to be closer to home and family, brought him to West Air employed as an A&P Mechanic. Here he worked for two years prior to coming to the Aeronautics Division. Ken's hobby is restoring a 1946 Ercoupe with his father, Clayton.

Ken looks forward to traveling around the state and meeting fellow Montana aviation enthusiasts. Ken says, "See you VFR!"

Calendar

March 2 - 4 – Montana Aviation Conference, Billings.

March 9 - 11 – 11th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference, Memphis, TN.

April 18 – Wings Meeting, Stall/Spin Accidents by Jim Cooney, FSDO, Air National Guard Training Facility, Gore Hill, 7:00 pm.

June 14 - 16 – The Revolution in General Aviation, Corvallis, Oregon. Contact Bill Wilkins at bwilkins@orst.edu (541)737-7487 or Ann Crook at ann.b.crook@odot.state.or.us (800)874-0102.

July 22 - 23 – United States Air and Trade Show, Dayton International Airport, Dayton, OH, www.usats.org.

September 2 - 4 – Cleveland National Air Show, Burke Lakefront Airport, Cleveland, OH, www.clevelandairshow.com.

September 16 - 17 – Oregon Air Fair 2000, Albany Fairgrounds. Info: NW Aviation Association (800)547-6922.

What Interests Pilot Prospects?

Aviation marketers have long sought a way to determine which members of the general public are likely to become pilots. The responses to BE A PILOT's cable television advertising is one way to look at the behavior and interests of people likely to become pilots. Here are the programs that supplied the greatest number of responses for 1999.

Discovery Sunday	<i>Discovery</i>
Adrenaline Rush – Extreme Machines	<i>Learning Channel</i>
Weekend Wings	<i>Discovery</i>
Real History: War in the Skies	<i>Learning Channel</i>
On the Inside	<i>Discovery</i>
Adrenaline Rush – Savage Earth	<i>Learning Channel</i>
Academy Live	<i>Golf Channel</i>
Wild Discovery	<i>Discovery</i>
Sport Aviation	<i>Speedvision</i>
Adventure Crazy	<i>Travel Channel</i>

Be A Pilot Executive Director Cyndy Brown says, "We analyze the data from the responses in many different ways. This is just one of them, but you can see that pilot prospects are definitely individuals who prefer action." The television commercial campaign for 2000 will begin in April with many of the same shows and channels being used. "Reaching the 30,000 mark in responses this past year was quite a feat," said Brown, "when you consider that the Discovery Channel's *Wings* was cancelled. That one program accounted for nearly one-half of our 1998 responses."

Although the schedule of commercials is not yet final for 2000, Brown says that the Discovery Channel will continue in the line-up. "We know what programs generate response, but we will also experiment with some new shows. After all, the Travel Channel was added in 1999 and that channel netted us one of our Top 10 shows."

Malmstrom May be Best Base in World

Malmstrom Air Force Base may be the best Air Force base in the world. That's not just local boosterism talking: Malmstrom is one of three finalists in an annual competition to name the best base worldwide. This is the first time Malmstrom has gotten this far. The other finalists are Aviano Air Base in Italy and Kunsan Air Base in South Korea.

The Air Force's 79 bases are judged on the quality of life they provide their residents and their mission success. The award carries a prize of \$500,000. The winner will be announced after six wing commanders inspect the bases this month.

A great asset at Malmstrom Air Force Base is the 40th Rescue Flight (40 RQF) Wing which provides search and rescue assistance. The 40th Rescue Flight has been a big help over the years in the Aeronautics Division's air search efforts throughout the state. Their highly trained and skilled helicopter crews include medical rescue personnel and are capable of hoist rescue in the rugged mountains which has resulted in several life saving rescues. Most recently this asset undoubtedly saved the life of a pilot who went down near Kalispell. Our hats are off to Major Curtis Kong, Commander of the 40th Rescue Flight and his dedicated USAF Airmen.

AERONAUTICS MECHANICS SEMINAR/ IA RENEWAL

The Montana Aeronautics Division is pleased to announce the 2000 Mechanics Seminar/IA renewal will once again be held in conjunction with this year's Montana Aviation conference.

The dates for the conference are March 2 – 4, 2000. The Mechanics Seminar will be held on Friday March 3 and continue through Saturday March 4.

We will once again be offering six hours of training on Friday and a full eight hours of training on Saturday. This worked out well in past years for those mechanics only wanting to attend on Saturday but still needing the training to update their IA for renewal.

Mechanics attending this year's seminar will be required to register for the Aviation Conference. The registration fee will be \$45.00. This allows you to attend all concurrent sessions, morning and afternoon coffee breaks with snacks, lunch on Friday and two drink tickets for Friday night.

Or if only attending the 8-hour Saturday session, a \$15.00 day pass may be obtained.

TENTATIVE SPEAKERS:

Engine Components Northwest – Roger Fuchs
Eagle Fuel Cells – Carl Hartwig
Garrett Aviation – Gil Ewan
Teledyne Continental Motors
Champion Aviation Products – Frank Gurko
B&S Aircraft – Mike James
Shell Oil – Paul Royko
Precision Airmotive – Jeff Kroeller
Pacific Corrosion Control – Mike Dahlager
Chadwick Helmuth – Jim Ramsey
Avantext – Matt Davison
Aircraft Finishing Systems – Paul Yedinak
Steve Jones & Staff – Helena FSDO

Make plans now to attend, to discuss and learn the latest in aircraft maintenance.

Telephone Information Broadcast Service (TIBS)

Another area of service that will change from Flight Service on February 24, is the hours of TIBS availability. Currently, the hours of recorded weather observations and route forecasts are 5 AM until 9 PM. The new hours will be 6 AM until 6 PM. Our system keeps track of every call made to this system, and the reports indicate that little to no use is made during this evening to early morning time frame. Weather briefers will still be available 24 hours, and can provide a more thorough weather briefing than do the TIBS. If you have any comments about the reduction of hours for the recorded weather, please get in touch with Don Caruthers or Pat Terry, AFSS Operations Manager.

High school students interested in Aviation are invited to attend the Montana Aviation Conference

The Montana Aviation Conference to be held in Billings, Montana, at the Grand Montana Holiday Inn, will host an afternoon for high school students interested in aviation. Friday, March 3, at 1:45 PM there will be an aviation careers panel with professionals from the aviation industry who will present a panel discussion of the aviation careers for today and the future. The FAA will have a flight simulator available to fly, and students are invited to tour the aviation exhibition booths at the conference.

For further information and to reserve a place for the high school aviation day please call Jeanne MacPherson, Safety and Education Montana Aeronautics Division (406) 444-2506 or email at jemacpherson@state.mt.us

Kenneth K. Kantola Memorial Aviation

A scholarship fund has been established in the name of the late Kenneth K. Kantola of Great Falls. Ken was a life long resident of Great Falls and had been involved with aviation all his adult life. His aviation career spanned more than 40 years. He was an Air Traffic controller at the old FAA Air Traffic Control Center located at Malmstrom Air Force Base, a pilot for the Montana and New Mexico Air National Guard and was an airline captain for Continental Airlines. Ken spent his last years as an Aviation Safety Inspector with the FAA Flight Standards Office in Helena.

A \$750 scholarship will be made to a Montana high school senior or a Montana college student enrolled in an aviation curriculum. The scholarship will be awarded during the month of May, 2000.

The award will be determined by a selection committee and will be based on overall character, goals, academic qualifications, seriousness of purpose, aviation related activities if any, and other criteria the committee determines to be appropriate. Applications must be post-marked by April 1, 2000.

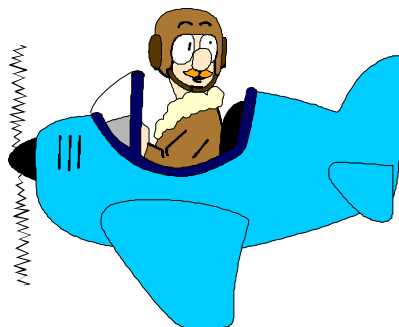
Requests for applications should be addressed to Mr. Len Wheeler, 2725 Skyway Drive, Suite 1, Helena, Montana 59602-1213 or you may call to request an application by calling toll free 1-800-457-9917 or 449-5270 locally, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Notices to Airmen (NOTAM) Changes

Effective February 24, 2000, new NOTAM changes will be implemented. The following are some highlights that you can expect in your standard weather briefings from the FSS when airport managers or other authorized sponsors issue NOTAM's:

- known non-availability of fuel at most airports
- cracks, ruts, frost heaves and soft shoulders on runways
- airport beacons out-of-service
- obstruction light outages within 5 miles of airport
- any communications frequency outage

Several of the above changes had previously been available under the local (L) NOTAM system. They will now be available for distant dissemination (D).



Montana Aeronautics Division sponsored the FAA Approved 16 hour Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic on February 4 & 5

Fifty-seven Montana flight instructors filled the room at Cavanaugh's Colonial Hotel in Helena...wow, what a wealth of knowledge! **Mary Schu**, Chief Instructor and owner of the "Wings of the Cascades" presented a good review program to the instructors. Topics included: Instructor Professional Responsibilities, Human Factors, Multi Engine Training, Airspace, Flight Information Publications, Teaching Stall/Spins Awareness, and Fitness for flight.

This year we were treated to some top-notch aviation professionals from Montana. On Friday, evening, **Bob Van Meter**, FAA Designated Flight Examiner, presented a program on the Practical Test Standards. **Jim Cooney**, FAA Flight Safety, presented airspace and regulations and collision avoidance and the teaching of flight safety. **Jeanne MacPherson**, Montana Aeronautics Division, presented Montana accidents, the ELT and survival awareness.

On Saturday morning at 7:00 AM sharp, the clinic resumed. **Pat Terry** from the FAA Flight Service drove down from Great Falls to present weather and the services available (that we all appreciate) from the flight service. Note: Pat Terry said that winds aloft are available up to 60,000'. **Randy Kienitz** from the FAA Helena Control Tower described the Helena Airport closures that are scheduled to happen this summer. And **Jerry Cockrell** a well-known aviation professional and speaker, presented a wrap up of flight safety and instructor's responsibilities in a humorous manner!

It was great to have so many flight hours in one room for this flight instructor refresher clinic, thank you all, for all that you do for aviation! A big thanks to **Carol Henry** of the FAA, for taking her Saturday to issue all the temporary certificates!

The newly pinned Montana Flight Instructors are: Gilbert Johnson, Ron Kelley, Darren Lynch, Thomas Richards, Leo Wadekamper, Steve Willey and Michael Zak. Congratulations!

From top: Newly pinned Montana flight instructors along with March Schu receive a big round of applause. Jerry Cockrell speaks to 57 Montana Flight instructors at this years FIRC. Jim Greil, Montana Aeronautics celebrates his birthday at this years FIRC.



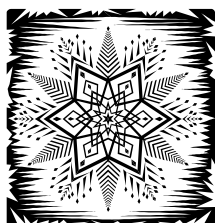
The Montana Aeronautics Division, Terry Surratt Winter Survival Clinic was held on January 25-27, 2000

On January 29, 1992, at approximately 1915 MST, a Cessna 182R was reported missing while on an instrument flight plan from Missoula to Billings. The airplane was last reported on the Victor 2 Airway between Drummond and Helena. The airplane was destroyed by a post crash fire and the pilot who survived the crash, died of exposure to the winter elements.

The pilot's family helps to support the Terry Surratt Winter Survival Clinic. We, at Montana Aeronautics believe that by providing the winter survival clinic, perhaps another tragedy of this sort can be prevented.

On Friday, January 25th, participants gathered at the Helena College of Technology for a ground program presented by Skip Stifle and Don Cooper from the Emergency Response Institute of Washington. The importance of the living body temperature of **98.6 F** was stressed in all aspects of the survival task. Clothing, shelter, hypothermia, frost bite and wilderness first aide were some of the subjects that were covered.

On Saturday, January 26th, ground school continued with construction of shelters, emergency and forced landing physics. Skip and Don conducted a check of equipment of each participant for the field portion of the clinic. Participants then drove or flew to the Lincoln Airport where they constructed their night's home shelter.



Skip Stoffel and Lonnie Leslie of Miles City check out Lonnie's shelter.



At left, Jeanne MacPherson, Jeannie Bystom, Adam Wietz and Tom Wietz go over their equipment before Skip and Don of ERI do the mandatory equipment check.

At right, Winter Survival was a family affair for the father/daughter teams of Bruce and Emily Reid and Peter and Rebecca Smith.



Sunday, January 27th, all survived the night, with some being more comfortable than others! The morning temperature at Lincoln Airport was -5 F. Skip Stoffel; lead the critiques of each of the survivors' constructions. We all learned something new and after talking with the pilots that attended winter survival, I am finding they are upgrading their survival items and rethinking about what they wear while flying.

This is an awesome program and a real learning experience, we hope to see some new faces next year!



Skip Stoffel of ERI demonstrates the use of survival flares at Lincoln Airport.



MONTANA AVIATION CONFERENCE SKELETON SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 2, 2000

Morning

Registration Opens
Aeronautics Board Meeting
Exhibitor Meeting
Display Area Opens
MATA Business Meeting

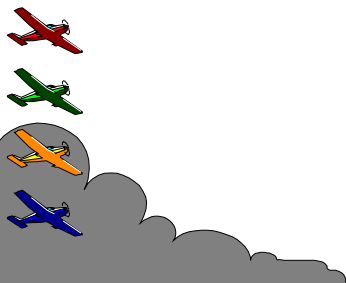
Kick-off Luncheon – Brigadier General
Steve Ritchie

Afternoon

Concurrent Sessions
MAMA General Membership Meeting
Display Area Open

Evening

Dr. Jerry Cockrell



Friday, March 3, 2000

Morning

Registration Opens
Mechanics Refresher Seminar
Concurrent Sessions
MFF Business Meeting
Display Area Open
Challenge Aviation with Education
Spouse/Guest Program

Luncheon – exhibitor door prize drawings

Afternoon

Mechanics Refresher Seminar
Concurrent Sessions
Display Area Open
Spouse/Guest Program
Challenge Aviation with Education
Aviation Careers for High School Student
and Teachers
FAA Open Forum
Aeronautics Board Q&A Session
99s Business Meeting
MAAA Business Meeting

Evening

Hospitality Hour in Display Area

Saturday, March 4, 2000

Morning

Registration Opens
Mechanics Refresher Seminar
Concurrent Sessions
MPA Business/Board Meeting
EAA Business Meeting
Display Area Open
Statewide Planning Meeting

Awards Luncheon – Phil Boyer, President,
AOPA

Afternoon

Mechanics Refresher Seminar
Display Area Open
Concurrent Sessions
AOM Board Meeting

Evening

Final Banquet – Surprise Guest Speaker

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Friday Luncheon_____ @ FREE \$ **-0-**
Saturday Luncheon_____ @ \$10 \$ _____
Saturday Banquet_____ @ \$25 \$ _____

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MONTANA YOUNG EAGLE PILOTS

Andrikopoulos, George - Billings
Bargatze, Robert - Bozeman
Booth, Rick - Missoula
Butzel, Henry - Missoula
Cryder, Mike - Billings
Dahl, Russell - Nashua
DeVivo, Dennis - Dillon
Dinstel, Del - Colstrip
Ferguson, Michael - Helena
Folgert, Jim - Billings
Frye, Lloyd - Billings
Gauger, Donald - Missoula
Gebhardt, Kelly - Roundup
Gibbs, Richard - Great Falls
Greil, James - Helena
Healow, Dave - Billings
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Kuffel, Thomas - Whitefish
LaBeck, Paul - Dillon
Lifo, Patrick - Glendive
MacPherson, Jeanne - Helena

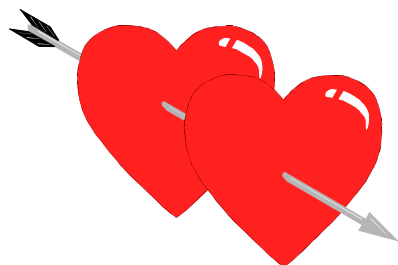
Larry, Mayer - Billings
Mayo Jr., William - Colstrip
McMurray, Mark - Frenchtown
McPherson, Ted - Colstrip
Mikaelsen, Ben - Bozeman
Miller, Daniel - Belgrade
Montgomery, John - Marion
Morris, Lon - Billings
Nash, John - Billings
Newpower, Scott - Billings
Ostlund, John - Billings
Palm, Gary - Missoula
Parrott, Douglas - Roundup
Rada, Ken - Bigfork
Radtke, Robert - Polson
Reynolds, Tom - Dillon
Schofield, Wayne - Missoula
Smith, George - Whitefish
Summers, James - Billings
Van Manen, Donald - Polson

ROUGH LANDING

An airline pilot wrote that on one of his flights he had hammered his plane onto the runway really hard. The airline had a policy that required the first officer to stand at the door while the passengers exited and say to each passenger, "Thanks for flying XYZ airline." The pilot said that in light of his bad landing, he had a hard time looking the passengers in the eye. Finally, a little old lady walking with a cane said, "Sonny, mind if I ask you a question?" "Why no ma'am," said the pilot, "what is it?" She said, "Did we land, or were we shot down?"

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